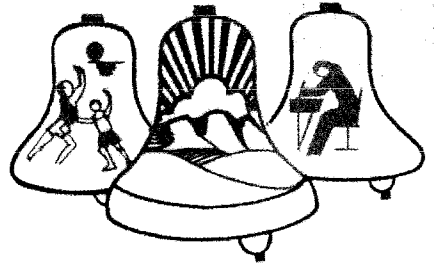


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## FAIR-MONT-EGAN SCHOOL

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To: Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Long-range Planning

January 12, 2011

From: Christine Schmidt-Anthony  
Fair-Mont-Egan School Administrator

Dear Members,

Fair-Mont-Egan is a small, rural district outside of Kalispell, Montana. The school serves on average about 175 students from Kindergarten through eighth grade. The school is the focal point of community activity and we are proud of the fact that based on state wide testing, our school ranks as one of the top ten schools in Montana in 2009.

The district has conducted numerous facilities needs assessments since 1990 that have allowed us to document very specific safety, ADA compliance, and educational concerns. We are currently forced to use numerous areas of the school for instruction that were never designed for that purpose. Specifically, the stage is now our Title I classroom, windowless storage areas and hallways are used for small group instruction, and several classes are taught in the cafeteria.

While we have used available funds and countless volunteer hours, many of the issues continue to go unaddressed. Because of the rural nature of the district and the challenging economic times, a proposed bond failed to pass last spring. The bond would have provided sufficient funds to comply with mandated Special Education and Title I requirements. Our needs have not changed. I urge you to support the Quality Schools Facilities grant. The grant money would allow the district to add two classrooms, an area properly designed as instructional space. The grant money is our last resort in addressing our needs. The fund would directly benefit the most important people at the school, the students.

Sincerely,

Christine Schmidt-Anthony  
Fair-Mont-Egan School Administrator